

## ★ Please ★ DRINK RESPONSIBLY

The consumption of beverages along the River Bluffs Scenic Byway being promoted within this passport is intended for responsible adults of legal drinking age (21 years old or older). Please do NOT drink and drive, use a designated driver.

We do not, under any circumstances, accept responsibility for any damages that result to you or anyone else due to the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of this Culinary Passport and any information within it.

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While we make every attempt to ensure that the information in the Culinary Passport is correct and up-to-date, restaurants, wineries and bars do change their hours and menu options, so please consult them for the latest and most up-to-date information.

Lastly, have fun and enjoy!



## *A Personal Guide*

TO THE BEST FOOD & DRINK ALONG THE  
RIVER BLUFFS SCENIC BYWAY





Welcome to the River Bluffs Scenic Byway Culinary Passport Tour! This is your personal guide to experiencing unique dishes and beverages that the locals consider “must haves” along the byway. Included in this booklet is information about 16 food & drink establishments ranging from restaurants, cafes and diners to wineries, creameries, bakeries and meat markets. The RBSB Culinary Passport will inform you about what food or drink item each byway culinary business is “best known for” and provide some other options.

Start your byway culinary tour by picking up a passport at any of the 16 participating businesses, by visiting the Economic Development & Tourism offices in Elkader and Fayette, or call the RC&D and ask for Jared Nielsen at 563-864-7112. You can also download the passport at [www.northeastiowarcd.org](http://www.northeastiowarcd.org). Collect stamps with any purchase from the participating byway culinary businesses listed in this booklet (please refer to each establishment’s hours of operation listed inside). Collect stamps from at least eight of the culinary businesses and you will receive a RBSB window cling along with a chance to win prizes from participating businesses. Note: If requested, completed Culinary Passports will be returned via mail along with your gift. Passports must be completed by September 5, 2016 to be eligible for prizes.

**MAIL YOUR COMPLETED RBSB CULINARY PASSPORT TO:**

Northeast Iowa RC&D, 101 E. Greene Street, PO Box 916, Postville, IA 52162



## ★ *Brick City Bar & Grill* ★

### BEST RIBS AROUND

Locals and visitors enjoy Brick City Bar's Barbecued Ribs. Brick City regularly has bands and other live entertainment to enjoy with your ribs, steaks, fish or drinks, or you can have a drink outside in the beer garden.

- ADDRESS:** 305 Mill Street/Highway 18  
Clermont, IA 52135
- HOURS:** Wed-Sat 5-9pm
- PHONE:** (563) 423-2224
- ALSO TRY:** King or Queen Prime Rib on  
Saturday night, three-piece cod  
dinner on Friday night along  
with a homemade salad bar or  
any of their specialty beers.

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## ★ *TJ's Pizza* ★ **BEST PIZZA**

Open seven days a week at 4pm, TJ's Pizza is One-of-a-Kind! Their TJ's Taco Pizza is a favorite. It includes refried beans, sausage and taco seasoned beef, topped with lettuce and taco chips.

- ADDRESS:** 218 Mill Street  
Clermont, IA 52135
- HOURS:** Open at 4pm daily
- FACEBOOK:** TJ's Pizza
- PHONE:** (563) 423-7222
- ALSO TRY:** TJ's Gluten Free Pizza, the Taco Pizza, Gutbuster, the Wild Willy, or build your own choosing five toppings for a House Special.

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## ★ *The Irish Shanti* ★ BEST 'GUNDER' BURGER

The Irish Shanti is a destination for locals and visitors looking to conquer the one-pound Gunder Burger. Other favorites include the Philly Cheese Steak, the Irish Philly Steak, and the Sow Melt. When you order, don't forget the American Fries.

- ADDRESS:** 17455 Gunder Road  
Elgin, IA 52141
- HOURS:** Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 11-1pm
- WEBSITE:** [www.thegunderburger.com](http://www.thegunderburger.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 865-9289
- ALSO TRY:** Pork Sandwich, Smoked Iowa Chop, Ribeye, Ham Steak, Guinness or one of a dozen different Irish Whiskeys.

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## ★ *One R's St Olaf Tap* ★ BEST PLATE SIZED TENDERLOIN

Be ready to answer the question, "How many buns?" The St Olaf Tenderloin is a fresh, hand pounded, plate full of goodness. Nestled in a valley, the small town of St. Olaf, is famous for this tenderloin.

- ADDRESS:** 106 South Main Street  
St Olaf, IA 52072
- HOURS:** Mon-Sat 11am-close, Sun 12-5pm
- FACEBOOK:** One R's St Olaf Tap
- PHONE:** (563) 783-7723
- ALSO TRY:** Bacon Cheeseburger, Homemade Sweet Onion Rings, Sweet Corn Nuggets, Cheese Curds or their Mini Ribeye Steak Sandwich.

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## ★ *Eagles Landing Winery* ★ **BEST LOCAL PORT**

This family winery boasts over 250 medals. The “Port of Marquette” is one of the few ports made in Northeast Iowa. All their wine is made in small batches for maximum flavor. No wonder their winemaker was named 2013 Iowa Winemaker of the Year!

- ADDRESS:** 127 North Street  
Marquette, IA 52158
- HOURS:** Mon-Sun 10am -5pm
- WEBSITE:** [www.eagleslandingwinery.com](http://www.eagleslandingwinery.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 873-1905
- ALSO TRY:** Cheers, Uff Da, Mi Amor, Serenity,  
Grandpa's Reserve or their  
Outstanding White (In memory  
of founder Roger Halvorson).

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## ★ *Riverview Restaurant* ★

### BEST FROG LEGS

Home of the famous Mississippi Crocorat, this restaurant on the Mississippi is a great place to try frog legs. Beer battered and fried to a golden brown, they aren't as dainty as you would think, so come with an appetite!

- ADDRESS:** 102 Business Highway. 18,  
McGregor, IA 52158
- HOURS:** Sun 8am-3pm, Tues - Thurs 7am-8pm  
Friday - Sat 7am - 10pm, Closed Mon
- PHONE:** (563) 873-9667
- ALSO TRY:** The half-pound Crocoburger,  
Deep Fried Catfish, T-Bone Steak,  
Fried Chicken, Hamburger Steak  
or their Patty Melt.

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## ★ *Old Man River Brewery* ★

### BEST BEER BRAISED BRISKET

Old Man River Brewery smokes their own meats, including their famous “beer braised brisket,” which is used in several recipes, including the Steamed Sliders, Side Winding Ranger Nachos, Park Ranger and the Ranger Burger.

- ADDRESS:** 123 A Street  
McGregor, IA 52157
- HOURS:** Tue & Sun 11-4pm, Wed-Sat 11-8pm
- WEBSITE:** [www.oldmanriverbrewery.com](http://www.oldmanriverbrewery.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 873-1999
- ALSO TRY:** Backpocket Brand Beers  
(previously made on location), the  
Eagles Nest, Wet Wings or their  
Diamond Double Hamburger.

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## ★ *Schera's Algerian Restaurant* ★

### BEST ALGERIAN FOOD

The Algerian Combo Platter is the most popular item at Schera's because it includes several different Algerian foods that can't be found anywhere else in the region. Couscous Royale is a wonderful evening entree choice.

- ADDRESS:** 107 South Main Street  
Elkader, IA 52043
- HOURS:** M-F 11-2, Sa-Sun 11-2:30, M 5:30-8,  
W&Th 5:30-8:30, F 5:30-9, Sat 4:30-9
- WEBSITE:** [www.scheras.com](http://www.scheras.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 245-1992
- ALSO TRY:** Greek Chicken Salad, Algerian  
Combo Platter, Baba Ganoush or  
the Schera's Lemon Verbena Drop.

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## ★ *Fennelly's Irish Pub* ★ **BEST WINGS**

Fennelly's Irish Pub has fourteen different varieties of "Fennelly's Finest Wings" to enjoy with their Guinness or a local favorite, Deb's Brewtopia on tap. Irish dishes include corned beef and cabbage, Paddy's Irish stew and shepherd's pie.

- ADDRESS:** 105 N 1st Street  
Elkader, IA 52043
- HOURS:** Mon-Thu 11-9, Fri-Sat 11-10, Sun 11-7
- WEBSITE:** [www.fennellysirishpub.com](http://www.fennellysirishpub.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 245-3663
- ALSO TRY:** 14 different varieties of "Fennelly's Finest Wings," Boxty - an Irish Potato Pancake, Irish Egg Rolls, Tequila Lime Chicken or their Fish n' Chips.

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## ★ *Pedretti's Bakery* ★ **BEST CREME HORNS**

Pedretti's creme horns are still made the old fashioned way. They melt in your mouth. This bakery not only bakes their own pastries and breads, they supply many of the other restaurants on the byway with hamburger and hot dog buns.

- ADDRESS:** 101 North Main Street  
Elkader, IA 52043
- HOURS:** Tue-Fri 6-5:15pm, Sat 6-4pm
- WEBSITE:** [www.pedrettisbakery.com](http://www.pedrettisbakery.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 245-1280
- ALSO TRY:** Fresh baked daily bread, hot dog buns, hamburger buns, long-johns, donuts, cookies, cakes or their turnovers.

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## ★ *Two Mit Burgers* ★

# BEST CHEESE BURGER WITH ONIONS

Two Mit Burgers are a delicious, on-the-go, experience. The small, walk-up stand is located one block off main street in historic Elkader between wooded bluffs and the Turkey River, so you won't mind waiting in a short line for a fresh, juicy burger.

**ADDRESS:** Corner of First and Bridge Street  
Elkader, IA 52043

**HOURS:** Th-F 5-9, Sat 11:30-9, Sun 11:30-8pm

**Only open April-October!**

**ALSO TRY:** Burger with or without onions,  
brats, chips and a soda.

NOTE: hamburgers are steamed  
on a special grill, rather than fully  
frying the meat.

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## ★ *Promiseland Winery* ★ BEST “FIRST CRUSH”

Promiseland Winery is located near the Mississippi River just south of Guttenberg. Their “First Crush” is a sweet white wine with pineapple and grapefruit on the nose and on the palate.

- ADDRESS:** 39053 Great River Road  
Guttenberg, IA 52052
- HOURS:** Mon-Thu 12-5pm
- WEBSITE:** [www.promisedlandwinery.com](http://www.promisedlandwinery.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 252-2665
- ALSO TRY:** Simply DiVine, Crazy Girl, Cabin Fever, Great River Red, First Crush or the La-T-Da. Spacious tasting room and event room.

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## ★ *Picket Fence* ★ **BEST HOMEMADE PIE**

Award winning pies boast local berries and local apples. Enjoy Triple Berry, Carmel Apple, Coconut Cream, Strawberry Rhubarb, or Rhubarb Custard. Picket Fence also uses and sells locally grown and processed pork.

- ADDRESS:** 531 South River Park Drive  
Guttenberg, IA 52052
- HOURS:** Mon & Wed- Sat from 9-5pm
- WEBSITE:** [www.claytonridgefarm.com](http://www.claytonridgefarm.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 252-3820
- ALSO TRY:** Octoberfest Pork Sandwich,  
Old Fashioned (local) brat, Hot  
German Potato Salad or the BLT  
with local cottage bacon.

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## ★ *Barney's Tavern* ★ BEST "BARNEY" BURGER

Wadena is the site of the historic Wadena Rock Fest, a smaller version of Woodstock. A favorite stop for Harley riders during poker runs, Barney's is most well-known for their Barney Burger, a double cheese burger, which patrons hail as the "juiciest".

- ADDRESS:** 203 South Mill Street  
Wadena, IA 52169
- HOURS:** Mon-Sat 9am-close, Sun noon-10pm
- PHONE:** (563) 774-2525
- ALSO TRY:** Grilled Tenderloin, Mushroom  
& Swiss Burger, Taco Tuesday,  
Curly Fries, Cheese Curds, Bloody  
Mary's & Breakfast. Meat is local &  
from the Wadena Meat Locker.

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## ★ *Cabo Blue* ★

### BEST BREADED PORK FRITTER

The hand pounded fresh pork loin sandwich on a home made bun, accompanied by thick cut sweet potato fries and (secret recipe) chipolte lime cilantro remoulade is mouth watering. Local veggies add flavor and freshness.

- ADDRESS:** 128 South Main Street  
Fayette, IA 52142
- HOURS:** Tue-Sat 11am-11pm
- WEBSITE:** [www.cabobluesportsbar.com](http://www.cabobluesportsbar.com)
- PHONE:** (563) 425-3044
- ALSO TRY:** Rack of Ribs, Burger Baskets, Cabo Fish Tacos, Ribeye Steak and loaded baked potato, Chicken Salad or their Bloody Mary (house recipe).

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## ★ *The Barrel Drive In* ★ **BEST BROASTED CHICKEN**

Whether your sporting a vintage car or a newer model, the Barrel is the place to go for a fun, old-fashioned drive-in experience. They are best known for their broasted chicken, but locals can't resist their fresh peach shake.

- ADDRESS:** 204 Highway 150  
West Union, IA 52175
- HOURS:** Mon-Thu 11-9, Fri-Sat 11-10, Sun 11-9:30
- WEBSITE:** [www.tinyurl.com/barrelwu](http://www.tinyurl.com/barrelwu)
- PHONE:** (563) 422-5197
- ALSO TRY:** Hi-Boy - 2 ground beef patties with cheese, lettuce & special sauce; the Shrimp Dinner, a Root Beer Float or a Lemon Flavored Dole Whip.

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# ★ *Be a Food Critic* ★

## NOMINATE YOUR “TOP FIVE”

Tell us about your “top five” culinary experiences and where you had them:

★ Food or Drink Item (include name of restaurant)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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Vote for your “Best” in each of the following categories:

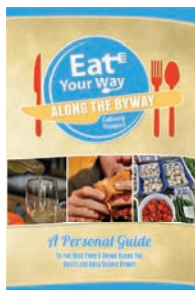
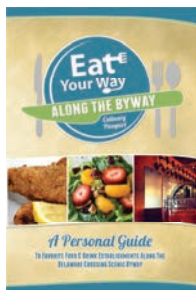
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- ★ Burger \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Tenderloin/Fritter \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Steak \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Ribs \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Taco \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Pie \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Appetizer \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Craft Beer \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Local Wine \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ Specialty Drink \_\_\_\_\_



# ★ *Hungry For More* ★ JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE FULL

If you are looking for more things to do along the way, be sure to go to [iowabyways.org](http://iowabyways.org) or to [northeastiowarcd.org/publications/scenic-byways](http://northeastiowarcd.org/publications/scenic-byways) to download information about the byway route, including maps that identify the locations of rivers, trout streams, towns, water trail access points, scenic overlooks, public land, historic sites, parks & campgrounds, visitor services and tourist friendly businesses related to art & culture, shopping, recreation and entertainment.

Go to [northeastiowarcd.org/publications/scenic-byways](http://northeastiowarcd.org/publications/scenic-byways) to download additional culinary passports or contact us at (563) 864-7112 to find out where these are available. Other byway-related publications you might be interested in include: 1) Winneshiek/Allamakee County Trout Fishing Guides for the Driftless Area Scenic Byway, 2) Tear-Sheet Maps for each byway, 3) Children's Activity Book for the River Bluffs Scenic Byway, 4) Guide Books with itineraries for the Delaware Crossing & Grant Wood Scenic Byway or the 5) Iowa Byways Statewide Travel Guide.





## ★ *River Bluffs Scenic Byway* ★

### CULINARY EXPERIENCES

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|--|--|---|
| 1 <b>Brick City Bar &amp; Grill</b><br>Ribs            | 7 <b>Old Man River Brewery</b><br>Beer Braised Brisket | 13 <b>Picket Fence</b><br>Homemade Pie            |
| 2 <b>TJ's Pizza</b><br>Pizza                           | 8 <b>Schera's Restaurant</b><br>Algerian Food          | 14 <b>Barney's Tavern</b><br>Barney Burger        |
| 3 <b>The Irish Shanti</b><br>Gunder Burger             | 9 <b>Fennelly's Irish Pub</b><br>Wings                 | 15 <b>Cabo Blue</b><br>Breaded Pork Fritter       |
| 4 <b>One R's St Olaf Tap</b><br>Plate Sized Tenderloin | 10 <b>Pedretti's Bakery</b><br>Creme Horns             | 16 <b>The Barrel Drive In</b><br>Broasted Chicken |
| 5 <b>Eagles Landing Winery</b><br>Local Port           | 11 <b>Two Mit Burgers</b><br>Cheese Burger w/ Onions   |   |
| 6 <b>Riverview Restaurant</b><br>Frog Legs             | 12 <b>Promiseland Winery</b><br>First Crush Wine       |   |